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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents identified on the attached form PTO-SB08a. Applicant respectfully requests that these documents be made of record in the present application.

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A concise statement of any non-English document having an English abstract is contained in such abstract, which is incorporated herein by reference.

RU 2243305 discloses pulp-and-paper industry, in particular, equipment used in drying section of papermaking machine. Drying sieve is composed of threads having flat section and extending in working direction, i.e., warp threads, and transverse threads with substantially round section, said threads having increased shrinkage coefficient, i.e., weft threads. Said threads define single-layer sieve web, which is subjected to thermal processing upon completion of weaving procedure. Shrinkage of sieve in transverse direction results in shifting of warp threads closer to one another. Each of sieve warp threads is running above two weft threads at web side facing paper, under one weft thread at web side facing papermaking machine and further in the required way. Adjacent warp threads are shifted over one weft thread in working direction, and each warp thread is extending past weft thread with respect to previous warp thread from one point on web side facing paper and, accordingly, on web side facing papermaking machine. Upon completion of weaving process, gaps are formed on web side facing paper at points, where warp threads are extending under weft threads. As a result of heavy shrinkage of weft threads, each warp thread overlaps adjacent warp threads at sites adjoining gaps on web surface facing paper. Drying sieve with plurality of points of

contact at side facing paper has smooth continuous surface. Improved operating characteristics of drying sieve.

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